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the specification of which

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Patentee erred in not presenting claims during the prosecution of the patent which were directed to a cementing plug for use in a cementing casing in a well, the plug comprising a body member defining a central opening therethrough and having a longitudinal axis; and an elastomeric jacket disposed around the body member and comprising a first conical portion extending radially outwardly from the body member and at an acute angle with respect to the body member, and a second conical portion disposed adjacent the first conical portion and extending radially outwardly from the body member and at an acute angle with respect to the body member, the second conical portion overlapping the first conical portion in an axial direction so that the outer surfaces of the conical portions together extend continuously along the axial length of the body member, and deflect into substantially cylindrical, wiping engagement with an inner surface of the casing when the plug is disposed in the casing.

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